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SUBJ: COMPLAINT ABOUT YUOYSLAV STATEMENTS ON CHILE

1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR CALLED OCTOBER 1 ON NORTH AMERICA
DEPARTMENT ACTING DIRECTOR GRUBOR TO EXPRESS DISAPPOINTMENT
AND UNHAPPINESS THAT YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS ARE LENDING WHAT APPEARS TO
BE OFFICIAL SANCTION TO GROUNDLESS ALLEGATIONS OF US INVOLVEMENT
IN DOWNFALL OF ALLENDE.;

2. CITING FOREIGN SECRETARY MINIC'S STATEMENTS AT UN ABOUT
ACTIVITIES OF "FORCES OF IMPERIALISM AND REACTION", POL COUN-
SELOR SAID THESE CERTAINLY WERE SUBJECT TO INTERPRETATION AS
CHARGES OF IMPLICATION BY USG IN CHILEAN INTERNAL EVENTS. MORE
SERIOUS, HOWEVER, WERE SPECIFIC CHARGES MADE BY LCY EXECUTIVE
BUREAU MEMBER JURE BILIC, CARRIED IN OCTOBER 1 EDITION OF LCY
ORGAN KOMUIST, WHICH ATTRIBUTED DIRECT ROLE TO US MAAG IN
BRINGING ABOUT ALENDE OVERTHROW.

3. POL COUNSELOR STRESSED THAT ISSUE HERE WAS NOT SIMPLY
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ADVERSE PRESS COMMENT, ALTHOUGH THAT CERTAINLY HAD ITS OBNOXIOUS ASPECTS, BUT WHAT SEEMED TO BE OFFICIAL GOY SANCTION OF THE VIEW THAT THE US ENGINEERED COUP. GRUBOR WAS HANDED SEVERAL COPIES OF SERBO-CROATION TRANSLATIONS OF SEPTEMBER 20 ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH STATEMENT AND TESTIMONY, AND WAS URGED NOT ONLY TO STUDY THEM HIMSELF, BUT TO CONSIDER TO WHICH KEY YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS THEY MIGHT BE GIVEN TO FOSTER A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF US POLICY TOWARD CHILE.

4. GRUBOR RESPONDED ONLY IN GENERAL TERMS, INDICATING THAT IF THIS WAS AN ISSUE ON WHICH THERE WAS DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THIS DISAGREEMENT WOULD NOT HAVE ANY CONCRETE DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON BILATERAL RELATIONS. POL COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT THE PSYCHOLOGICAL CLIMATE CREATED BY FALSE CHARGES OF US COMPLICITY IN ALLENDE DOWNFALL CERTAINLY COULD NOT CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF BILATERAL RELATIONS.

5. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, GRUBOR SAID THAT YUGOSLAVIA WOULD BE WITHDRAWING ITS COMPLETE STAFF FROM CHILE AND WOULD NOT MAINTAIN A CONSULAR PRESENCE (AS INDICATED IN SANTIAGO 4695).
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